Tools + Fire, 2010

CoE’s newest work of art is coming to the Beyster Building. Tools + Fire, 2010, a painted bronze sculpture by U.S. artist Jim Dine will be installed in the grass area on the diag side of the Beyster Building August 15th. This will be the third piece of art from Jim Dine in CoE’s art collection. This new outdoor sculpture will join a vast collection that includes the Be-gob, Hob Nob, Indexer II, and Tilted Donut with S.

G G Brown Construction Update

Mass excavation of the parking lot has begun for the G G Brown addition. This will be completed by early Fall. Next up will be the installation of caissons for the foundations and footings for erection of the steel framing and concrete block walls. See the FMO website http://www.engin.umich.edu/facilities/ggbrown-construction-project for updates and live camera.
Dow & IOE Fire Alarm System

The Dow and IOE buildings are currently undergoing fire alarm system upgrades. Both projects are slated to be completed before the Fall term begins. In addition to new panels and devices, each building will be equipped with a mass notification system so occupants can be warned of severe weather, active shooter and other non-fire emergencies.

Ford Nuclear Reactor

The Ford Nuclear Reactor (FNR) is in the final stages of decommissioning with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). In the meantime, CoE has received permission from the Provost Office to begin a design effort to transform this facility from a nuclear reactor building into a research lab facility for the Nuclear Engineering & Radiological Sciences (NERS) department. Efforts are underway to hire an architect to begin the design.
New Chemical & Gas Handling Policy

A CoESafe subcommittee reviewed the gas cylinder storage and chemical handling procedures at the G G Brown dock following a gas cylinder incident. After a CoESafe review, Jack Hu, Associate Dear for Academic Affairs approved implementation of the following for GGB and all CoE buildings with docks containing gas cylinders and chemicals.

- Signage will be added to all CoE docks where gas cylinders are stored. Upon discovery of a problem with a gas cylinder 911 should be called and the area should be immediately evacuated.

- The time period a gas cylinder is stored at any CoE dock should be limited to one month. This is a reduction from the current six month policy.

- The current practice of delivery chemicals to departmental mailrooms should be discontinued.

- If a package contains a DOT placard, the GGB dock stock keeper will not deliver the package. Instead, it will be set aside for pickup by a departmental representative. The dock stock keeper will send a notification email and the package must be picked up within two weeks. After two weeks the package will be sent back or redistributed via appropriate means.

Water Bottle Refill Stations

CoE has partnered with Central Student Government to provide and install water bottle refill stations. The first phase is for these to be placed in Cooley, Dow and EECS. Also, Plant Maintenance has installed one at the east end of GGB near the loading dock.

G G Brown Renovations
Approved by the State

The State of Michigan has approved funding for renovations to the GGB Building. Design efforts will begin in September with the goal of starting renovations after the opening of the GGB addition in April, 2014. So stay tuned.